

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

B1 -- Status of the previous technique **BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

B2 -- Account of the invention **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

B3 -- Short description of the drawings **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

Please replace the abstract with the following page: